GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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HIV AMONG SEX WORKERS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether 55 per cent of the 80,000 sex workers in Mumbai are HIV-Positive, as announced by the Director- General, NACO (National Aids Control Organisation);

(b) if so, the details of the study that has been conducted in this regard;

(c) the name of the funding Agency; and

(d) the name of the Agency that conducted the study?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (d) As per the annual sentinel surveillance Report for the last five years, the HIV positivity among Sex Workers in Mumbai is as follows:

2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
52.3	54.5	54.3	44.8	30.7

These results are obtained from annual sentinel surveillance conducted in the country by NACO. The funds for this activity are made available from the World Bank assisted National AIDS Control Programme.